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COMMENCEMENT WEEK

May 29—June 3

Commencement at Bridgewater College grows larger, better attended, seemingly more enjoyed year by year. This June was graduated the largest class in the history of the institution. Among the thirty-nine in the class there were six, four of them young ladies, who received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. The first young woman to take this degree was graduated in 1908. Is this year's quartet of young women who received the B. A. degree the vanguard of that great body of young women soon to receive higher education among us? This is a real beginning of this realization at B. C. It needs special mention and special notice by friends of liberal education. There are many reasons to believe that the number of young women to enter here for the full college course is going to increase as rapidly as can be generously provided for.

Of the other members of the class one received the M. A. degree, 18 the B. E.; six, diplomas in music, one in the Voice, two in the Piano and three in the Music Teachers' Course; seven diplomas in the different commercial courses and one in the English Bible Course.

One special feature of this year's Commencement was the two addresses of Dr. Wilber F. Crafts, one at the Alumni Banquet and the other Commencement morning to the Class and the audience that packed the Gymnasium. Dr. Crafts is an international character, preacher, social reformer, writer of many books. Dr. Crafts' optimism and genius as leader in social up-lift makes him a resourceful power. He is hard to forget. It ought to be mentioned that the Class deserves much credit for being able to bring Dr. Crafts here.

The special Commencement events are treated below.

Annual Concert

The students of the School of Music gave their annual concert on Friday night. This represented all the different grades of instrumental and vocal work. This school gave monthly recitals throughout the session all of which were highly commendable. In this con-

cert, the Glee Club assisted. This being the initial program of commencement week it was not so largely attended but those present were highly appreciative.

A New Feature

An entirely new feature was added to the commencement events this year. It was the Teacher Training graduating exercises on Saturday at 2 P.M. Near the opening of last session two classes were organized in this subject and conducted weekly by Dr. J. S. Flory. Thirty-six young people passed the examinations most satisfactorily and received diplomas. The graduating address was delivered by Elder D. H. Zigler of Broadway, who is a member of the General Sunday School Board. His theme was taken from II. Kings 12: 12, "The Value of Hewn Stone."

Society Program

The Virginia Lee and Victorian Societies jointly rendered a very praiseworthy program on Saturday evening. This program consisted of quartets, readings, orations and a play. It was entirely representative of the work done by these Junior Societies throughout the year, with the exception that debating is ordinarily a feature of the programs. The high order of this work reflects much credit upon the society members.

Commencement Sunday

There are two events of special interest on Commencement Sunday. They are the Prayer Service conducted by the graduating class just after supper, and later in the evening the Baccalaureate Sermon by President Flory. In the prayer service definite topics are discussed by a number of members of the class. These topics previously assigned and studied, are fruitful of right attitudes and ideals. Then follows a few moments of earnest prayer for the future of the Class—a time of consecration to the service of the Kingdom, to its unfinished work. This is a memorable hour in the experience of the Class one that is looked back to thru many years.

Dr. Flory's subject for the Baccalaureate Sermon was "The Ideal Young Man." His

text, I John 2:14, pictures the young man as strong, victor over the wicked one, the word of God abiding in him. Dr. Flory discussed these three phases of the text in detail. First, he wished he might have time to consider the children and fathers mentioned in the context and passed to the young man, making reference to the young woman at times. It was mentioned that there are only about two million young men in America that even make any profession of Christ, that there are between fifteen and sixteen million young men in the United States who are not, as well as can be judged, strong in the virtues of the text. The special need, as perhaps never before, of young men and women, mighty in righteousness now, was treated at length. Then came mention of the ideals Bridgewater stands for, the fine reaction of the graduating class to these and the appeal for a life fruitful in fullest measure of godliness, full of His word, powerful to overcome the wicked one—this the royal way of life and blessing to one's fellows. The sermon was more than a passing inspiration to the great audience filling the Gymnasium.

Class Day

The class exercises on Monday afternoon were unique. All formality was discarded and at two o'clock three or four seniors came strolling in carelessly and seated themselves "just anywhere." Five or six more came in at different intervals in the same manner. Finally the president, C. H. Huffman, came hurrying in about ten minutes late. After roll call the regular business of the class began when L. C. Fultz moved that regular business be dispensed with, since this was their last meeting and that they give an impromptu program. This motion carried. Different members were then called upon. Mr. Huffman gave the salutatory his subject being "The Gleam." Miss Ehrman responded with a piano solo. Miss Richcreek with a vocal solo. Messrs. Coffman, Driver and Fultz furnished the class history and Misses Lehman, Driver and Blanche Rowe the prophecy. Mr. Minor C. Miller delivered the valedictory "The Temple Beautiful." With the singing of the college song another unique and very pleasant class exercise came to an end.

Final Acme Program

The Acme Literary Society is the literary organization of the College Department. Its final program of the year was given on Monday night. Charles S. Driver, Final President, called the meeting to order with the usual announcements. Then followed vocal solos by Professor Fletcher and Miss Nora

Early; readings, Miss Katherine Flory and A. R. Coffman; piano duet, Misses Long and Richcreek; oration, N. A. Seese; essay, J. T. Glick; College Topics, E. W. Flohr. The program concluded with a splendid quintette. The attendance was good and interest marked. Even at the banquet on the following afternoon mention was made of the excellence of this program—made by a former professor here, an alumnus.

Alumni Day

Tuesday was Alumni Day. It was in many respects an unusually interesting day. The annual business meeting convened in the forenoon. A new constitution was adopted which makes possible a much more complete and effective organization. Rev. P. H. Bowman, B. A. '10, of Philadelphia was chosen to deliver the annual oration one year hence. Considerable interest was manifested in regard to the funds that are accruing annually and controlled by the Alumni Association.

The Alumni program was rendered in the afternoon in the auditorium. The program was interesting throughout. Rev. Mr. Lasiter lead in the opening prayer. The retiring president, Prof. W. R. Hooker, regarded the meeting an auspicious occasion, since the association had just taken steps to enlarge its scope of operations and was now entering upon a new era in its history. A more effective organization is made possible and significant results are sure to follow.

The president elect, Dr. J. D. Miller, was then introduced and presided over the meeting. The audience was entertained by one of Prof. Fletcher's delightful solos. Prof. J. M. Coffman gave one of his interesting talks recalling some of the reminiscences of his student life at B. C. and expressed a very deep interest in the welfare of his Alma Mater. He spoke also of his pleasant associations as teacher in the institution. A very appropriate response from the class was given by Miss Agnes Shipman whose theme was the class motto, "Service rather than Fame." Prof. J. D. Brunk, formerly a member of the faculty in the School of Music, gave the splendid solo, "My Own Shall Come To Me." The climax was reached when Rev. A. B. Miller, B. A. '10 delivered the annual oration in his own forceful way. His subject was, "Life that is Life Indeed." The burden of his thought was that there are no eternal realities except spiritual things and these are expressed in the religious life, the life of devoted service. The audience then sang the college song and was dismissed.

Alumni Banquet

At five P.M. the alumni assembled in the Dining Hall. Every one was jovial and in the proper mood to thoroughly enjoy the palatable, social and intellectual feast that was anticipated and soon realized. After justice had been done to things of a perishable nature the real feast was participated in.

Prof. C. W. Roller presided as toastmaster. The first to respond was Prof. Coffman who in his characteristic way spoke of his high regard for his Alma Mater and that his interest in B. C., would not cease because duty calls him to another field of labor. Rev. A. B. Miller, pastor of the Church of the Brethren, Hagerstown, Md. proposed a scheme by which the institution could be placed on a better basis financially. If interested, and I know you are, ask A. B. about it. Prof. Brunk is always a welcome guest at B. C. In his reply he spoke of one of the striking and commendable "traditions" of the college, the unanimity of purpose and the large and kindly interest and mutual helpfulness. Prof. W. R. Hooker, cashier of the bank at Nokesville, Va., showed that the interests of our educational institutions and those of business are more or less mutually related and that the college man must help solve the problems of finance and the farm. Prof. J. C. Myers, formerly heard of the department of mathematics, very fittingly recalled how a number of the students had acquitted themselves like men and had won honors for themselves and the institution. President Flory told of the gradual and substantial growth of the college of the increasing interest manifested, of the development of the curriculum and a higher standard for graduation, all of which were very gratifying.

Dr. Wilber F. Crafts, Washington, D. C., was the principal speaker of the evening. The time he occupied was filled with an abundance of good things. His subject was "The Joy of Living." He showed that with the left hand of legislation, the right hand of education, and in the center, regeneration, living conditions could be greatly improved. He would have us know that it is our duty to be happy, that joy is in harmony with the soul, God and environment. One condition of happiness is health. The following was offered as a method to preserve the health: "Halve your food, double your drink, triple your exercise and quadruple your laughter." Other things which he regarded as essential to happiness were: Occupation, marriage and patriotism.

Final Concert

The final concert of the Glee Club and

Choral Union was given on Tuesday night. The Choral Union, composed of about forty voices rendered three numbers "Soldiers Song," "Gypsy Life," and "How Lovely Are the Messengers." The Glee Club gave "Breeze of the Night," "The Heavens Resound," and "Soldiers Chorus" from Faust. In addition to these numbers the program included a vocal duet, vocal solo, piano solo, piano trio and "The Prison Scene" from Il Trovatore, sung by Miss Vida Leatherman and Professor Fletcher with male chorus. This last selection was sung twice at the insistent applause of the large audience. The Glee Club also responded to several encores. Musical experts from a distance pronounced this program of a very high class. The music faculty and students are to be generally congratulated.

Commencement Day

Commencement day was one of the best the College has yet had. Friends of the institution began to arrive as early as 8:30 o'clock. The hour for the exercises to begin was 10 o'clock. For many years it has been necessary to come very early in order to get a seat.

At fifteen minutes of ten the Board of Trustees, Faculty, and Alumni assembled at Yount Hall. Prof. Wright arranged them in order of march. The Board was in the lead, faculty next, followed by the Alumni and class. The class arranged themselves in single file with Mr. D. H. Hoover, who took the M. A. degree, at the head.

The procession marched directly across the lawn from Yount Hall, down the street, up the walk to Wards Hall and across thru a waiting crowd into the auditorium. The Board of Trustees, Faculty and other distinguished guests were seated on the rostrum. After the ushers seated as many of the waiting crowd as they could, and allowed a large number to stand in the side isles, Dr. J. S. Flory, our president, expressed his regrets that they were not able to accommodate comfortably all who had come.

Elder H. G. Miller, Pres. of Board of Trustees conducted the devotional exercises.

Dr. Flory then introduced the speaker of the morning, Dr. Wilbur F. Crafts, of Washington, D. C. as a civic leader and platform orator of international reputation, sometimes called the speaker of the third house of Congress.

Dr. Crafts is Supt. of the International Reform Bureau. His subject was, "The Essentials of Manliness and Womanliness."

In his introduction Dr. Crafts answered the question "What is success" by quoting the

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Since the last issue of *College Life* two regular and one special Lyceum number have been given. Col. Bain was a delight in his treatment of life in retrospect. It is a fine thing for an old man to tell the new generation what he would do, if he had life to live over again, especially when his life has been one rich in usefulness. Mr. Wiggam gave an illustrated lecture upon engenic problems, emphasizing the perils of present-day civilization. His was a most effecting treatment of difficult scientific material in a way to reach everyone. To conclude this year's course Dr. Wayland was secured as an extra number. His subject was Great National Songs, illustrated with Victrola music. Being both historian and musical, Dr. Wayland is peculiarly fitted to deal with a unique topic like this. He had a very responsive audience.

The generous return of alumni and friends for the Commencement season would make a long and pleasant chapter in College history. In the big crowds it was difficult to note all the guests. Below follows a list which is regrettably incomplete:

From Pennsylvania—Rev. A. Theodore Wright, of Red Lion, whose daughter Miss Miriam, took the B. E. degree this year; Mrs. E. Mary (Rowe) Harshman and Miss Emma Cashman, both of Waynesboro; W. S. Myers, of Shady Grove. Mr. Myers has been teaching for the last two years at Toms Brook, Va.

From Maryland—Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Miller, Hagerstown. As noted elsewhere "A. B." was the alumni orator this year; much was the warm praise of his work. It was heard on all sides. Dr. E. R. Miller, now also of Hagerstown, was here for a part of the Commencement.

From Tennessee—Miss Hazel Bowman and Price Bowman, Johnson City. The latter took the B. A. degree here last year and his sister, Miss Anna, this session. Miss Hazel expects to be a "B. C. girl" in the near future.

From Virginia—Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Myers, Prof. and Mrs. J. C. Myers, Miss Annie Zigler and Miss Kizzie Hayes, Broadway; Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hooker, Nokesville; F. P. Myers, W. K. Conner, Prof. and Mrs. J. D. Brunk, Harrisonburg; E. M. Wampler, EDOM; J. E. Miller, Nokesville. Mr. Miller is a brother of Miss Hattie Z. Miller, who was among the B. E. graduates of this year's class. Miss Zula Gouchenour, Maurertown; C. W. Burns and Miss Maytie Burns, father and sister of Mrs. W. T. Sanger, of Burnsville; Miss Esther Zigler, Broadway; Eld. and Mrs. S. D. Miller and daughter, Miss Mary, Mt. Sidney; Eld. and Mrs. Miller's son, Minor C., was one of the B. A. graduates this June. Miss Iva Bowman, Harrisonburg; Miss Nelie Wampler, Weyers Cave; Misses Mary and Rebecca Wampler, Misses Anna and Myrtie Driver and Miss Elsie Smucker, Timberville; J. H. Cline and daughter, Miss Willie, Staunton; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ward, and Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Wise, Mt. Crawford; Samuel C. Miller, and J. W. Wright and daughter, Grottoes; Miss Sadie Hanna, Mt. Solon; Elder I. N. H. Beahm, Nokesville; Elder Samuel Pence, Port Republic; Mrs. Lelia (Miller) Neff and daughter, Miss Grace, New Market; Miss Lenna Miller, Bristow; Elder C. M. Driver, J. W. Driver, Miss Jennie Driver, Miss Lottie Driver, Staunton; Rev. Mr. Lassiter, New Market; Mrs. Susanna Flory, Broadway; J. F. Wampler, Port Republic; Robert Kindig, Stuarts' Draft; Miss Pearl Cline, and Mrs. Mary A. Driver, Weyers' Cave; Elder and Mrs. Homer Zigler, Churchville; Miss Lottie E. Miller, Bridgewater; B. A. Driver, Harrisonburg; Miss Mamie Ritchie and brother, Henry, Grottoes; J. W. Hess, Spring Creek; Dr. C. P. Harshbarger, Port Republic.

Among those, not already named, present to see their children graduate were—Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Cline, Weyers' Cave; H. M. Arey, Bridgewater; Mr. and Mrs. John Farrer, Stuart's Draft; Thomas Driver, Waynesboro; D. M. Leidig, Middletown; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Harshbarger, Port Republic; Mr. Brown Huffman, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Early, Pleasant Valley; Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Huffman, Churchville; J. W. Ritchie, Grottoes.

Principal of Commercial School

Prof. C. C. Wright, new Principal of the Commercial School of the College, is this month completing an advanced course in the famous Eastman Business College, New York City. This summer he will pursue the study of Economics in Columbia University. Professor Wright next session will be a student of Commerce and Finance in one of the large

universities. This much, splendid preparation, built upon previous careful training and very successful business experience, will put the Commercial School on a new basis of efficiency. The growing demand for higher commercial preparation will soon be met here adequately. It is a matter of no little pride to the management that this is so. The advantages of securing this preparation in an institution with other departments, of Music, Bible, Education, College, is patent to all. A considerable growth in the Commercial School is looked forward to; the high standards here are sure to attract young people.

The New Church

Work is going rapidly forward on the new church, now under construction on the College property. The foundation will shortly be completed; and with the much other building material already on the ground, it is expected the new building will be about finished by the time cold weather sets in. This is an addition to the College property that has long been needed. It is a great satisfaction to note the work so nicely in progress.

I. P. A. Orator Wins Again

The State I. P. A. Convention was expected to take place at Randolph-Macon College this session, but on account of the vote that is to be taken in September for state wide prohibition and because of the campaign that will be waged this summer, it was thought that the convention would do more good if it were held at Richmond, Va. So, with the co-operation of the Woman's Prohibition League of America, the Anti Saloon League and other temperance organizations, John Marshall High School auditorium was secured, entertainment of the delegates was provided for, various kinds of posters were gotten out for advertising and everything was done to make this meeting a success.

Three delegates—Anna A. Bowman, Ella E. Miller and A. R. Coffman—were sent from Bridgewater. Miss Bowman was the orator who represented Bridgewater College on the state contest. They arrived in good time and enjoyed their stay in Richmond thoroughly.

Five colleges of the state were represented in the contest—Randolph-Macon College, Richmond College, Roanoke College, Emory and Henry College and Bridgewater College. All the orations were well prepared and creditably given. It was quite a satisfaction to the Bridgewater delegates as well as to the whole school when the decision of the judges gave Bridgewater College first place in both thought and composition.

For the past two years, Bridgewater has won first honors in the state I. P. A. contest and for the two years before she was awarded second place. This is an exceedingly good record and we hope that it can be kept up in the future.

The report of the local work at Bridgewater showed up very well among the reports given at the convention. The Secretary of the South, Mr. W. M. Bunts, gave his commendation by saying that it would be well for the other colleges of the state to "sit up and take notice." The local I. P. A. at Bridgewater has given seventeen programs during the past session besides conducting a study class of thirty-five members and helping in other programs. All this was in addition to the work done for the contests.

When we consider that a decision is going to be made in September either for or against a dry Virginia and when we consider the fact that the men and women who are to be the leaders in the great fight for temperance are to come from the colleges, it seems to us that time spent in work for the I. P. A. is time that has been and will be well spent. Although the campaign in our state will be over in the first part of next session, the task will not be fully accomplished, and next year we hope to have even a larger class in social study and to do more deputation work.

The I. P. A. urges everyone, who is interested in seeing Virginia go dry, to be *sure* to be at the polls on election day. We feel that the students are going to make every effort to express their wish through the ballot even though it may mean an extra trip home at the time. All hail! to the glorious success that is coming.

The Lyceum Course

The lyceum course is always looked forward to with great interest from year to year. The committee announce a course for next session which is probably the strongest ever offered at the College. It contains the names of several of the best known and most inspiring speakers on the American platform. The musical attractions also are among the very best the country affords, the Gambel Company being recalled for the fourth time on our course.

The numbers are as follows:

- I. De Koven Male Quartet.
- II. Frank Dixon.
- III. Ralph Paslette.
- IV. Lincoln Wirt.
- V. Gambel Concert Party.
- VI. William Jennings Bryan.

COMMENCEMENT WEEK

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words of Christ: "She has done what she could." He showed the relation of success and a man's finding his vocation, and impressed us with the need of having a Vocational Day. Dr. Crafts divided his subject into four parts:

First, Physical—We are commanded to love with all our strength, then how thoroughly should we regard the physical development. "Glorify God in your bodies"—should be a Motto placed over every gymnasium door.

Second, Mental—Sampson was but one-fourth a man, because he had great physical strength, with the mental, social and spiritual strength undeveloped. So as his mind was not developed he could but poorly render mental praise. The man who *knows*, has courage. A course in College teaches us how to study that we may know. Dr. Crafts spoke of the importance of reading standard works systematically.

Third, Social—Be courteous, in honor preferring one another. Do not allow any one to speak disrespectfully of your mother or sister. Then if we should respect them in word, how much more should we respect God? He stated that swearing and gambling were due to a lack of vocabulary and encouraged every one to go against the current. The Japanese, he said, tell their boys to be a carp, to go up stream, and help the girls to develop will power, to have minds of their own, to use them and be masters of self. No boy or girl can be true or real unless he can do something that animals cannot do.

Fourth, Moral and Spiritual—Must love God with all thy soul. Dr. Crafts gave Christ as an example which filled the four essentials of manliness—A full orb'd man. Developed physically, mentally, socially and morally. Not as Sampson who had but one essential, nor as Dr. Johnson who had two, but a rounded out, developed, perfect man; one fitted for the best, the highest service that can be rendered.

Awarding of Diplomas and Conferring of Degrees

After this masterly address, President Flory asked the audience to stand and sing a few stanzas of the college song. Meanwhile the platform was put in readiness for the final scene of the commencement exercises, awarding of diplomas and conferring of degrees. Forty-one diplomas were awarded to thirty-nine young men and women, two having finished two courses of study each.

The graduates were called by schools in the following order: Commercial School, School of Music, Bible School, School of Edu-

cation, The College, The Graduate School. They mounted the rostrum at the west end, crossed and descended to the main floor near the entrance. As they filed past the middle of the stage each received his diploma from the hands of President Flory accompanied by the appropriate degree. Of the thirty-nine members of the class 27 received degrees—one M. A., six B. A., eighteen B. E., two B. Accts.

Dr. Flory spoke briefly of the pleasant and successful session just closing and referred to the excellent prospects for the coming year. He commended the faculty for their loyal support and fine spirit of cooperation, and spoke approvingly of the general conduct of the student body. He referred to the high standards maintained by Bridgewater men everywhere and appealed to the students and alumni to stand loyally to the ideals and traditions of their Alma Mater.

Thus closed one of the most successful sessions Bridgewater College has ever enjoyed.



Mrs. R. J. Wright, mother of Prof. F. J. Wright, was recently operated on for appendicitis in University Hospital, Charlottesville. She is gaining in strength rapidly and before this goes to press is expected to be able to return home. Mrs. Wright is a resident of Bridgewater and has a large circle of friends in College who are happy in her fine recovery.

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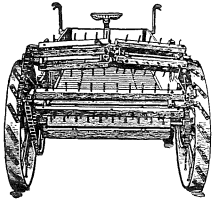
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